

## THE RELATION OF THE UNDERTAKER TO PUBLIC HEALTH

Extract of Address by Dr. C. C. McGurran, Secretary.

The wake undertaker is an indispensable benefactor to his community. When family ties are broken and dissolved by the intruding hand of death whose biplane of infection and contagion strikes like the thunderbolt from a clear sky, the magnitude of the situation at once becomes apparent. Here nothing should be overlooked in carrying out thorough and complete disinfection, observing every little detail that no new case of disease or death may be chargeable to superficial work or any carelessness on his part. For in the light of our present knowledge we now know that deaths from infection are in most cases chargeable to the carelessness or ignorance of some person or community. Many people assume that the responsibility for such death and grief, sorrow and loss which it entails lies with the Creator, whereas the immediate responsibility in every case of, say, Typhoid Fever rests upon man himself. God, in his wisdom, has placed mankind in possession of the knowledge of the causative agent and the means of its spread. He has opened our minds that we may understand how the disease may be prevented and avoided, and He has given us an almost infallible weapon with which to protect ourselves from the attacks of the germ which causes the disease. Therefore, such bereavement means that some one has failed to make use of these God-given means of protecting human life. In many cases, it is the innocent bystander who suffers from the neglect of another: from somebody's failure to realize that he is his brother's keeper. It is impossible in every instance to exactly fix the responsibility for the sickness and death of one departed, but some man or woman is responsible because only human beings have typhoid fever and the disease cannot be acquired excepting from some person who has the disease or is harboring the germs that cause it. Every case that contracts typhoid unwittingly takes into his body something that came from the body of another person. Possibly he may have received it directly or indirectly from some person who suffered from a very light attack of typhoid fever, and who by the carelessness of his habits, subsequent to his recovery, was the means—possibly the innocent means—of the spread of the disease to other people. The responsibility does not always lie with any one individual, but with some town or city which has been careless in the method of ridding itself of its offscourings, or has been indifferent to the laws of sanitation in securing its drinking water. But whatever the source these deaths can be prevented. They are entirely unnecessary. It is the price which we are made to pay for somebody's ignorance and carelessness. The day is fast approaching when such sacrifices will cease to be. It will arrive only when we have learned that the presence of typhoid in a community means that someone has been criminally negligent of his duty. What is applicable in the case of typhoid can well be applied to other infections as scarlet fever, diphtheria, small pox and a series of others. Education, and education alone along these lines is the present day requirement. We must reach the people and furnish them the necessary information through every avenue possible; by means of the press; by public talks; by movies and by a concerted effort on the part of all to the end that the public may better understand the object of all these sanitary precautions and rules. And by these means may we hope to gain public sentiment which is by far the greatest factor we have to contend with today when we try to bring about any sanitary reform.

## NOTES OF THE EXPOSITION

Wellington Irish, Deputy commissioner of agriculture and labor in North Dakota, was a visitor at the North Dakota building last week. He was agreeably surprised at the fine showing the state is making at the exposition, and feels the state is getting some excellent publicity through the building at San Francisco. He went to Los Angeles for a short visit, but will stop at the North Dakota building again on his way to Bismarck.

The Secretary of the North Dakota Commission had a call from a gentleman from Ohio the other day. It seems early in the exposition period this gentleman's wife called at the building and requested the Secretary to send her husband back in Ohio some literature concerning the state. The other day this gentleman came on to the coast to join his wife at the exposition, and the first thing he did after getting on the grounds was to make a beeline for the North Dakota building, and in conversation with him it was gleaned the literature had made a profound impression on him, and before leaving the building he said he was and he felt that he was going to like the state so well he would locate there and make his future home. This man is a hard headed business man, and does not jump at conclusions, as was evidenced by the numerous and intelligent questions he asked, and he finally concludes to go to North Dakota to live the state will have another fine citizen.

Mr and Mrs. E. K. Bitzing of Mandan, were visitors at the North Dakota building the other day. Mr. Bitzing is one of the publishers of the Mandan Pioneer, and the first thing he wanted to see was a late copy of that valuable newspaper. Then he stopped in the Secretary's office and congratulated the whole force in the building on the fine display made of the state's products and said North Dakota was bound to get good results out of the small appropriation made by the legislature for the building and maintenance during the exposition.

Hon. F. P. McQuillan of Mandan, was an interested visitor at the North Dakota building last week. Mr. McQuillan represents the 30th legislative district in the house of representatives, and while a member of that body has made a fine record. He was more than pleased with the showing

the state is making here and predicted great things for the state as the result of this participation in the world's great exposition. He left for home determined Mandan would do its share towards making possible a whirlwind finish at the North Dakota building.

About a dozen of the commercial clubs in the state of North Dakota have signified their intention of sending a vegetable exhibit to the North Dakota building. This is as it should be, but at least fifty clubs should have thrown their hats in the ring in this particular by this time. There is room in the North Dakota building for upward of 100 vegetable exhibits and Mr. Freyberger, who has charge of the exhibits at the building is busily engaged in arranging exhibit shelves for that number. Let there be a united effort on the part of the commercial clubs in the state to fill the spaces being built for them in the North Dakota building. The Secretary of the commission is anxious to make things hum in the building during the remaining days of the exposition.

Battleship row in front of the North Dakota building was augmented Sunday by the arrival of the battleships Ohio, Wisconsin and Missouri, having come through the Panama canal, and up the Pacific coast. Six hundred and fifty midshipmen from the naval academy, at Annapolis are taking their annual cruise on these ships, and will be at the exposition for several weeks.

One morning last week just after the doors of the North Dakota building were opened in walked a tall, raven-haired, Lincolnian gentleman accompanied by his wife. They went all through the building from top to bottom, and expressed surprise at every step. They seemed to be unable to grasp the magnitude of North Dakota's resources, and their questions were many. Then they registered, and lo, and behold, they turned out to be Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sulzer of New York. It will be remembered Mr. Sulzer was at one time Governor of that commonwealth, but "got in bad" with Tammany and the "Tiger" bit him.

Billy Sunday, the acrobatic evangelist, is in San Francisco taking in the exposition and incidentally hammering at the citadel of the devil. He preached to a vast congregation in the Court of Abundance Monday afternoon. Evenings he is preaching at the big tabernacle down town.

Pres. and Mrs. John H. Worst of the North Dakota Agricultural college at Fargo, arrived at the exposition last week, and just as soon as they got

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settled in a hotel journeyed out to the North Dakota building where they spent several hours looking over the building and exhibits, in fact, Mr. Worst was more than surprised at the fine showing made on the small appropriation, and commended the North Dakota commission for placing all the exhibits in the building in place of scattering them through several exhibit palaces, and said the state was bound to get good results through its participation in the exposition.

The North Dakota building received a fine exhibit of 1915 grains from Col. C. E. Batchelor of Fingal, the other day, and Mr. Freyberger is the happiest man on the grounds as a consequence, and took more than usual pleasure in arranging the exhibit in the Building. If more people in the state would follow Col. Batchelor's example North Dakota would make a much louder noise at the exposition.

## NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST

Hagerstown, Ind.—While arranging the vines on her porch, Miss Clara Thornburgh of Brookdale felt something strike her hat and a snake which had dropped from overhead began coiling around her body. Miss Thornburgh tore the snake from her and killed it. It was five feet long and of the copperhead family.

New Haven, Conn.—When Mrs. John Jacob Astor passed through here with her pet poodle, Mizzie, she sent the dog to a hotel in care of her chauffeur. At dinner the man ordered a 32 steak to be cut into small pieces and served to the dog. The waiter was aghast, but did as he was ordered and pocketed a handsome tip.

Loraine, O.—Julius Binder sells milk direct from his cow to the kitchen, milking her at the doors of his customers. He is required by the city to wear a white suit, put a bell on the cow and keep her clean and sanitary.

New York, N. Y.—Mildred, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Loughlin, sitting on the lawn, was attacked by a rooster who tried to get the cake she was eating. The rooster pecked her face and catching her hair in his beak spurred her viciously before help arrived.

Indianapolis, Ind.—When lightning struck the home of Charles Weber, his 9-year-old son, Joseph, received such a severe shock that his dark brown eyebrows turned snow white.

Orange, Cal.—"Cherry Pie Day" was celebrated at Manzanola by a free distribution of cherry pies. Nearly ten thousand pies were given away to visitors.

Atlanta Ga.—The Arnold family is well represented in the state legislature by three brothers, Nat D., Dr. R. J., and O. H. Arnold. Each comes from a different county, while a cousin, Zach Arnold, is also a member of the same body. Their father was a member of the Georgia legislature before them.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Wildwood, a resort on the New Jersey coast, has added a motorcycle ambulance to its life-saving equipment. It carries a palmator and first-aid kit. Two or three minutes enables it to reach any part of the beach which is over two miles in length.

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## AGED PIONEER PASSES AWAY

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Besides his wife there are eleven children living: George and Peter of York, Otto of DeGroat township, Gus of Starkweather, Julius of Leeds, Mrs. Chas. Copeland of Churchs Ferry, Mrs. Dave Jones of Starkweather, and Miss Nora who lives at home. One daughter, Mrs. Nybo, whose husband and children live in York, is dead.

Nels Jacobson was born in Norway in 1835 and met his wife, Mrs. Martha Larson, in Madison, Wis., where their marriage took place on Oct. 1, 1864. Their married life was full of excitement which characterized the turbulent times of the rebellion and the excitement of the frontier, for they were pioneers first in Minnesota and later in North Dakota. Shortly after the wedding day, Mr. Jacobson was called to serve in the northern army, in which he remained until the war was over. He and his wife filed on land near where Minneapolis now stands but were driven from their homestead by the Indians, who confiscated all their property of the settlers. Returning from the farm they built a handsome residence in Leeds. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson were highly esteemed by all who knew them.

Last October they celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at the Jones farm near Starkweather. It was a handsome celebration and one of the largest ever given in the state. Friends came for miles to bring personally their congratulations to the worthy couple. On this occasion their grand daughter, Miss Ileen Nybo daughter of the deceased member of the family, was wedded to Mr. Hans Halvorson of York. It was a very happy occasion and one of which the devoted wife and children will cherish in tender memory as the last reunion of relatives and friends with their loved relative who will soon be laid to rest. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson are highly esteemed and friends in many parts of the country

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